



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

USE of Force Report

December 01, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Total Number of Incidents for 12/1/21 – 12/31/21 – Incidents 1620

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 6

Total Uses of Force – 19

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – % .37

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 5

White Male – 4

White Female – 1

Incidents

#1 21BU020455 –/Impeding a Police Officer/Arrest on Warrant/Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/Officers Assigned

E Area

Officers we assigned scene security for Community Support Liaison, Burlington Public Works and Burlington Parks and Recreation employees who were tasked with dismantling the encampment at Sears Lane. One arrestee climbed up on a backhoe and attempted to chain and bike lock themselves to it to prevent its use. Two officer had to take the arrestee by the arms and place them in handcuffs and then move them back away from the backhoe to access the chain and lock to free them. One arrestee was known to have firearms and several warrants. The arrestee was located in a structure known to belong to them. Based on the knowledge of firearms the officer drew his fire arm and ordered the arrestee out of the structure. A second officer placed the arrestee in handcuffs without incident. The officer who was covering the handcuffing officer holstered his firearm as soon as the arrestee was in handcuffs. One arrestee was refusing to leave the encampment and a structure located there. The arrestee was known to have firearms and was aggressive towards law enforcement. Due to the possibility of the arrestee possessing a firearm when the arrestee exited a structure one officer drew his firearm and pointed it the arrestee. The officer engaged in conversation and was able to talk the arrestee into speaking with another officer nearby. This allowed two officer to approach the arrestee from behind and place him into handcuffs without incident.

Black Male Age 23, 5'11" 175 lbs.

White Male Age 27, 5'11" 145 lbs.

White Male Age 30 5'07" 145 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Handcuff control technique



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Officer 2 – Empty hand controls/Firearm pointed X2

Officers – no injuries

Arrestees– no injuries

#2 21BU020596 Arrest Impeding Public Officers/Disorderly Conduct/Resisting Arrest/Driving with a Criminally Suspended License

Complainant/Officer Dispatched

D Area

The officer responded to the arrestee's location after the arrestee called concerning his vehicle being vandalized. The arrestee was known to the officer to have a criminally suspended license and for being aggressive towards law enforcement. While trying to speak with the arrestee the officer observed the arrestee was intoxicated and could not give a complete statement on what had occurred. The officer was able to learn the arrestee had driven the vehicle to this location. The arrestee attempted walk away from the area and the officer ordered him to come back. The arrestee walked back, stating to the effect he was going to jail and without a prompt from the officer placed his hands behind. The officer placed him in handcuffs and detained him in the back of his police cruiser. After calling for a tow truck the officer took the arrestee out of his cruiser and took him out of handcuffs. The officer issued a citation for Criminal DLS and told him to leave with his girlfriend. The arrestee wanted to retrieve items from his vehicle and despite being told not to by the tow truck operator he could not enter the vehicle once he had hooked it up to the truck, the arrestee entered the vehicle. The arrestee exited the vehicle with a can of alcohol and began to argue with the officer as the tow operator attempted to winch the vehicle onto the bed of the tow truck. The arrestee attempted to enter the vehicle and the officer attempted to stop him. After the third attempt by the arrestee to enter the vehicle the officer told him he was under arrest for disorderly conduct and attempted to place him in handcuffs. The arrestee actively resisted and the officer was able to bring the arrestee to the ground on a grassy area. The officer was able to hold the arrestee and call for additional units to assist him. Two officers arrived and assisted the officer. One officer assisted in pulling out the arrestees arms from underneath him using strikes and leverage and the second officer controlled the arrestee's legs. The officer were successful in removing his arms from underneath him and then placing him in handcuffs.

Black Male Age 47, 5'11", 165 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/Empty hand controls X2

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls X2

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls



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Officers – no injury
Arrestee – no injury

#3 21BU021181 Arrest Simple Assault/Disorderly Conduct

Complainant/Officers Dispatched
C Area

Caller stated the arrestee was harassing a female from his car as she walked along the sidewalk. The first arriving officer observed the arrestee and the victim (a male) in a physical fight. The officer being outnumbered, not knowing who was the aggressor and/or victim needed to stop the fight. The officer drew her CEW and gave hard orders to the arrestee and victim to stop fighting or the officer would use her CEW. The arrestee and victim both complied and stopped fighting. The officer placed the arrestee in handcuffs and the victim was also briefly handcuffed by a second officer arriving on scene and detained while officer investigated the incident.

Black Male Age 26, 6'00", 165 lbs.
White Male Age 28, 6'00", 185 lbs.

1 Officers
Officer 1 –Verbal commands/CEW displayed

Officers – uninjured
Arrestee – uninjured
Victim – injured from assault but did not need medical attention

#4 21BU021298 Arrest 1st Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault

Complainant/Officers Dispatched
C Area

Victim reported a 1st Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault a male had committed against her. After investigating the incident the officer obtained a signed Warrant for the arrest of that male from a judge. Officer learned through their investigation that the male had a history of violence to include convictions that involved weapons. Officer put a plan together and went to his last known residence (the victim's residence) to take him into custody. The victim gave the officers a key and permission to enter her residence. Upon arrival officer knocked on the door and spoke with a male subject who did not live there who refused to move out of the doorway to allow officers to enter. Officer spoke with the male attempting to convince him to let them in



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but he refused. Two officer each took an arm a pulled him from the doorway, placed him in handcuffs and detained him. The male stated that there was no one else in the residence. Officers entered the apartment to clear it with weapons drawn per training. An officer gave numerous announcements for anyone in the residence to announce their presence. Officers received no response. While clearing rooms officer came in contact with a female subject and one officer pointed his firearm at her until she was handcuffed and detained. No other subjects were located in the residence.

Black Male Age 43, 5'10", 210 lbs.

White Female Age 37, 5'05", 220 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 –Verbal commands/firearm displayed

Officer 2 – Firearm displayed

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 4 – Empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured

Subjects – uninjured

#5 21BU021399 Arrest Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer/Disorderly Conduct

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

D Area

Caller stated the arrestee was at the bus terminal attempting to fight people. The first arriving officer found the arrestee attempting to pry open a bus door to reach the bus driver and passengers. The officer walked over and attempts to get the arrestees attention. The arrestee turned suddenly and rapidly approached the officer in a threatening manner with his fist clenched. The officer tells him to stop and back up which he does not. The officer drew her CEW while backing up to create distance and telling him to back up. The arrestee stops, turns and walks back to the bus door. The officer approached again and tells him to come over to her. The arrestee tells her to get away and turns back to the bus pacing back and forth yelling through the windows to subjects on the bus. The officer tells him to come over to get him away from the bus. The arrestee turned and again rapidly approaches the officer again in an aggressive manner with his hands in fists. The officer while backing up to keep distance tells him to sit down or he will be tased. The male continued to close the distance and the officer discharged her CEW. The CEW does not affect the arrestee and he continued to approach. The officer continued to back up ultimately tripping over the curb and falling onto her back. The arrestee stood over her with his fist clenched the officer tells him to get back and after a few moments



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the arrestee does back up. At this time several subjects from the bus are coming to the officer's aid. The officer is able to gain her feet and takes hold of the male to prevent him from going back towards the bus. Several bystanders attempt to help her and the officer is able to get the arrestee on the ground but her legs were trapped under the arrestee's body. A second officer arrived on scene and was able to control the male on the ground. Two more officers arrived on scene and the first officer was able to extricate herself from under the arrestee. The officer was injured and has to remove herself from assisting taking the arrestee into custody. The arrestee was actively resisting the remaining officer and two more officers arrived on scene. One officer trying to control his legs and the other assisting the second officer to roll the arrestee prone so they could place him in handcuffs. The arrestee struggled attempting to kick and roll away from officers. Officer were finally able to control the arrestee and place him in handcuffs.

Black Male Age 39, 5'09", 142 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 –Verbal commands/CEW deployed/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Officer 4 – Empty hand controls – leg control

Officers – (2) injured – (1) taken to UVMHC ER with knee injury – released later by ER currently on light duty / (1) minor injury cuts, scrape bruising to hand

Arrestee – injured – cut to mouth/pain in foot – cleared by ER

#6 21BU0221406 Arrest Assault and Robbery/Aggravated Assault/Interference with Access to Emergency Services

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

B Area

Caller stated that they were robbed at knife point by arrestee who had fled on foot and then in a vehicle. Responding officer searched the area but were unable to locate arrestee. Through their investigation BPD detectives were able to locate where the male was staying and conducted surveillance on the location. When the arrestee arrived detectives approached the male and due to a weapon being involved a detective pointed his firearm at the arrestee and provided cover for two other detectives who took the arrestee into custody without incident. The detective then holstered his firearm.



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White Male Age 28, 6'01", 190 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 –Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured